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ON the 22d Instant the Prince of Orange was invested with the Blue Ribbon the Garter and the Star, being the Ensigns of the most Noble Order of the Garter, by the Honourable William Finch, Esq; his Britannick Majesty's Minister to the States General, and by John Anstis, Esq; Garter King at Arms, by virtue of a Commission constituting them Plenipotentiaries for that Purpose. This Part of the Ceremony was performed in his Highness's House here. On the 25th, the Ceremony of installing his Highness, and vesting him with the Robes of the said Order, was performed at his Highness's House in the Wood; after which his Highness gave a magnificent Entertainment. There was a vast Concourse of Persons of Distinction and others from all Parts to see the Prince and the Ceremony, who expressed their Joy on this Occasion with loud and chearful Acclamations. The States of the Province of Holland assembled extraordinarily on the 24th Instant, to deliberate, as it is believed, upon a Neutrality in the Netherlands proposed by France, in case the Affair of the Election of a King of Poland should occasion a War between that Crown and the Emperour. The Grand Pensionary being indispos'd of the Gout, and not able to assist in this Assembly, has desired Leave to resign; the States have thought fit to send three several Deputations to him in Order to perswade him to continue in that Employment, but hitherto he persists in his Design of retiring: 'Tis hoped however, that he may be prevailed upon to hold it at least for some Time longer. In the mean Time the Pensionary of Dort officiates in his Absence, and the said States of Holland continue assembled Day after Day, the present Conjuncture of Affairs seeming to require it. On the 26th Instant Count Sinzendorff, the Emperour's Ambassadour, received an Express from his Court, and Yesterday desired a Conference with the Deputies of the States General, to whom he declared, that he was authorized and ready to agree upon and enter into any Measures that shall be judged convenient to be taken for the Defence of the Netherlands; and that the Emperour will send such a Number of Troops for that Purpose as shall be deemed necessary. Within these few Days have arrived in the Texel Five Ships belonging to our East India Company, from Ceylon.

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